

Debtor 1 **Joseph L McKenzie**
Debtor 2 **Sandra L McKenzie**

Case number (if known) _____

Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
☐ Chapter 11
☐ Chapter 12
☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
☐ Yes.
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| District _____ | When _____ | Case number _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No
☐ Yes.
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

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8. **From the *Statement of Your Current Monthly Income*:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; **OR**, Form 122B Line 11; **OR**, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ 2,069.44

9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of *Schedule E/F*:**

	Total claim
From Part 4 on <i>Schedule E/F</i>, copy the following:	
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$ <u>0.00</u>
9g. Total. Add lines 9a through 9f.	\$ <u>0.00</u>

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Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own <small>Copy the value from Schedule A/B</small>	Amount of the exemption you claim <small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>	Specific laws that allow exemption
Sandra L. McKenzie Revocable Trust No. 102 (estate plan) Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 25.1	\$0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Joseph L. McKenzie Revocable Trust No. 101 (estate plan) Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 25.2	\$0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
state and federal: anticipated 2016 state and federal income tax refunds due to debtor(s) Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 28.1	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Federal Life Insurance Company policy # 0763229 insuring the life of Joseph McKenzie Beneficiary: Sandra L. McKenzie Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 31.1	\$592.90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(f)
National Life Group life insurance policy # L SO293379 Beneficiary: Sandra L. McKenzie Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 31.2	\$1,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(f)
National Life Group/LSW Life Insurance Policy Beneficiary: Joseph McKenzie Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 31.3	\$0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(f)

3. **Are you claiming a homestead exemption of more than \$160,375?**
(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.)
- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes. Did you acquire the property covered by the exemption within 1,215 days before you filed this case?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

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 First Name Middle Name Last Name
 Debtor 2 **Sandra L McKenzie**
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Opened
11/11 Last
Active
 Date debt was incurred 9/01/16 Last 4 digits of account number 2684

2.3 Fifth Third Bank Describe the property that secures the claim: \$38,337.00 \$197,000.00 \$0.00
 Creditor's Name
214 Leah Ct. Sycamore, IL 60178
DeKalb County
1830 East Paris Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code
As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.
☐ Contingent
☐ Unliquidated
☐ Disputed
Nature of lien. Check all that apply.
☒ An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan)
☐ Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien)
☐ Judgment lien from a lawsuit
☐ Other (including a right to offset) _____
Who owes the debt? Check one.
☐ Debtor 1 only
☐ Debtor 2 only
☒ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
☐ At least one of the debtors and another
☐ Check if this claim relates to a community debt

Opened
05/14 Last
Active
 Date debt was incurred 10/14/16 Last 4 digits of account number 9665

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:	\$177,946.00
If this is the last page of your form, add the dollar value totals from all pages. Write that number here:	\$177,946.00

Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

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Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	6a.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6d. Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6e. Total Priority. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e.	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Total claims from Part 2	6f. Student loans	6f.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6g. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims	6g.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6h. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts	6h.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	6i. Other. Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6i.	\$ <u>39,117.00</u>
	6j. Total Nonpriority. Add lines 6f through 6i.	6j.	\$ <u>39,117.00</u>

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph L McKenzie		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	Sandra L McKenzie		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106G

Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

- Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?**
☐ No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
☒ Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on *Schedule A/B:Property* (Official Form 106 A/B).
- List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone).** See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1 Soft Water City 440 DeKalb Ave. Sycamore, IL 60178	rental lease for water softener for use in home

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	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Case number (if known)			

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Official Form 106H Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.

☐ No

☒ Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

☒ No. Go to line 3.

☐ Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

Column 1: Your codebtor

Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code

Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt

Check all schedules that apply:

3.1 **Teresa Walsh Randall**
25484 Lake Wohlford Rd. #154
Escondido, CA 92027
credit card held jointly with Debtor 1. Ms. Walsh is making regular payments on this debt.

☐ Schedule D, line _____
☐ Schedule E/F, line _____
☐ Schedule G _____
Fifth Third Bank Headquarters

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Joseph L McKenzie

Debtor 2 Sandra L McKenzie
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106I

Schedule I: Your Income

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Employment

1. Fill in your employment information.

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

Employment status

Occupation

Employer's name

Employer's address

Debtor 1

- ☐ Employed
- ☒ Not employed

Retired

Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse

- ☐ Employed
- ☒ Not employed

Retired

How long employed there?

Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.	+\$ 0.00	+\$ 0.00
4. Calculate gross income. Add line 2 + line 3.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Fill in this information to identify your case:

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 Sandra L McKenzie
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

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☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of person _____ Attach Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

X /s/ Joseph L McKenzie
Joseph L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor 1

Date December 7, 2016

X /s/ Sandra L McKenzie
Sandra L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor 2

Date December 7, 2016

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17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?
Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
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18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?
Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called *asset-protection devices*.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made
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Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?
Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
Qualstar Credit Union P.O. Box 96730 Bellevue, WA 98009	XXXX-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> Money Market <input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage <input type="checkbox"/> Other____	accounts were closed by Qualstar in September or October of 2016. Debtors can no longer access accounts.	Unknown

21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

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(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 108 Statement of Intention for Individuals Filing Under Chapter 7

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If you are an individual filing under chapter 7, you must fill out this form if:

- ☒ creditors have claims secured by your property, or
- ☒ you have leased personal property and the lease has not expired.

You must file this form with the court within 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition or by the date set for the meeting of creditors, whichever is earlier, unless the court extends the time for cause. You must also send copies to the creditors and lessors you list on the form

If two married people are filing together in a joint case, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Both debtors must sign and date the form.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List Your Creditors Who Have Secured Claims

1. For any creditors that you listed in Part 1 of Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D), fill in the information below.

Identify the creditor and the property that is collateral	What do you intend to do with the property that secures a debt?	Did you claim the property as exempt on Schedule C?
Creditor's name: Fifth Third Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property. <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Description of property securing debt: 214 Leah Ct. Sycamore, IL 60178 DeKalb County		

Part 2: List Your Unexpired Personal Property Leases

For any unexpired personal property lease that you listed in Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G), fill in the information below. Do not list real estate leases. Unexpired leases are leases that are still in effect; the lease period has not yet ended. You may assume an unexpired personal property lease if the trustee does not assume it. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2).

Describe your unexpired personal property leases	Will the lease be assumed?
Lessor's name: Soft Water City	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Description of leased Property: rental lease for water softener for use in home	

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Part 3: Sign Below

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have indicated my intention about any property of my estate that secures a debt and any personal property that is subject to an unexpired lease.

X /s/ Joseph L McKenzie
Joseph L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor 1

X /s/ Sandra L McKenzie
Sandra L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor 2

Date **December 7, 2016**

Date **December 7, 2016**

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C.
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual
primarily for a personal, family, or
household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan
for family farmers or
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan
for individuals with regular
income

**You should have an attorney review your
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of
chapter.**

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245 filing fee

\$75 administrative fee

+ \$15 trustee surcharge

\$335 total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:
http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:
http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **Joseph L McKenzie**
Sandra L McKenzie

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter **7**

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:
- | | | |
|---|----|-----------------|
| For legal services, I have agreed to accept | \$ | 1,300.00 |
| Prior to the filing of this statement I have received | \$ | 183.00 |
| Balance Due | \$ | 1,117.00 |
2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
 - b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
 - c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
 - d. [Other provisions as needed]
- Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.**
6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:
- Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

December 7, 2016

Date

/s/ Diane E. Elliott

Diane E. Elliott 6286100

Signature of Attorney

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FEE AGREEMENT CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY

This is an Agreement between you, Joseph McKenzie and Sandra McKenzie, and I, Diane E. Elliott, Attorney at Law, of The Law Office of Diane E. Elliott, which we have made on November 17, 2016.

1. **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:** You agree to retain and employ me to represent you in relation to the preparation and filing of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case entitled *In re Joseph McKenzie and Sandra McKenzie, Debtors* or some such similar name. You authorize me to enter into discussions toward settlement or compromise of any such litigation, or to proceed as I deem advisable.
2. **FEE:** In consideration of the services performed to date and to be performed by me under this Agreement, you will pay me a flat fee in the amount of **\$1,750.00**. This amount is to be deposited into my business client trust account, and funds will be dispersed from that account to the business operating account as work is completed on your case. This fee includes \$335.00 federal court filing fee, \$40.00 credit report fee, (\$53.00 if two credit reports are required) and \$1,362.00 for the attorney's time in preparing the bankruptcy filing and attending one Creditor's Meeting (341 Meeting). If a tax transcript must be ordered, there will be an additional charge of \$40.00. This fee presumes an uncontested Chapter 7 bankruptcy, i.e. a bankruptcy which does not include an adversary proceeding. In the event that an adversary proceeding is triggered, another fee agreement will be executed if you want me to represent you in the adversary proceeding. Any bankruptcy related work that is billed at an hourly rate will be billed at the rate of \$225.00 per hour. Payment in full must be made prior to the case being filed. The attorney fee is non-refundable in the event that the client later decides not to file bankruptcy. This is because up to the time of the case filing, the attorney has expended considerable time in preparing the petition for filing. Attorney acknowledges receipt of \$600.00 payment toward all services on October 17, 2016, leaving a balance due of \$1,150.00.
3. **TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL:** At my discretion, I have the right to withdraw from my representation of you if you have misrepresented or failed to disclose material facts to me, if you fail to follow my advice, if you do not make payments required by this Agreement, or for any other reason. Likewise, you may discharge me at any time for any reason. In such event, I shall be entitled to no less than the full amount of the fee.
4. **NO RESULTS PREDICTED:** I have not made any warranties or representations, nor have I given you any assurances as to the favorable or successful resolution of your claim or defense of the action referred to above, nor as to the favorable outcome of any legal action that may be filed. All of my expressions relative to your case are only my opinion.

5. **SETTLEMENT:** I will not make any resolution of your case without your consent, nor will any proceedings be filed in court without your knowledge.

6. **CLIENT COOPERATION:** Your cooperation is very important. You must inform me immediately of any change of address, phone number, employment, and any other significant circumstance. Full disclosure of facts is essential to enable me to properly represent you. You must promptly fill out and return all papers. If you do not, I shall have the right to withdraw from your case.

STATEMENT OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

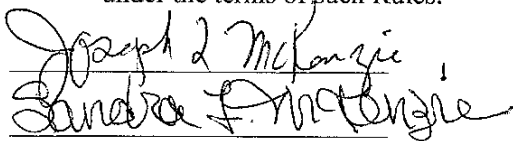
(1) **WRITTEN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.** The written engagement agreement, prepared by counsel, shall clearly address the objectives of representation and detail the fee arrangement, including all material terms. If fees are to be based on criteria apart from, or in addition to, hourly rates, such criteria (e.g., unique time demands and/or utilization of unique expertise) shall be delineated. The client shall receive a copy of the written engagement agreement and any additional clarification requested and is advised not to sign any such agreement which the client finds to be unsatisfactory or does not understand.

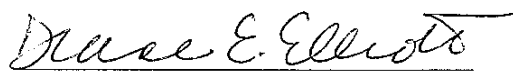
(2) **REPRESENTATION.** Representation will commence upon the signing of the written engagement agreement. Counsel will provide competent representation, which requires legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation to handle those matters set forth in the written engagement agreement. Once employed, Counsel will act with reasonable diligence and promptness, as well as use her best efforts on behalf of the client, but she cannot guarantee results. Counsel will abide by the client's decision concerning the objectives of representation and will endeavor to explain any matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding representation. During the course of representation and afterwards, Counsel may not use or reveal a client's confidence or secrets, except as required or permitted by law.

(3) **COMMUNICATION.** Counsel will keep the client reasonably informed about the status of representation and will promptly respond to reasonable requests for information. The client shall be truthful in all discussions with counsel and provide all information or documentation required to enable counsel to provide competent representation. During representation, the client is entitled to receive all pleadings and substantive documents prepared on behalf of the client and every document received from any other counsel of record. At the end of the representation and on written request from the client, counsel will return to the client all original documents and exhibits. In the event that counsel withdraws from representation, or is discharged by the client, counsel will turn over to the substitution counsel (or, if no substitutions, to the client) all original documents and exhibits together with complete copies of all pleadings and discovery within thirty (30) days of counsel's withdrawal or discharge.

(4) **ETHICAL CONDUCT.** Counsel cannot be required to engage in conduct which is illegal, unethical, or fraudulent. Counsel who cannot ethically abide by this client's directions shall be allowed to withdraw from representation.

(5) **DISPUTES.** The counsel-client relationship is regulated by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (Article VIII of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules), and any dispute shall be reviewed under the terms of such Rules.


Joseph A. McLaughlin
Sandra F. McLaughlin


Diane E. Elliott
Attorney at Law

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re Joseph L McKenzie Case No. _____
Sandra L McKenzie Debtor(s) Chapter 7

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: 10

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: December 7, 2016 /s/ Joseph L McKenzie
Joseph L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor

Date: December 7, 2016 /s/ Sandra L McKenzie
Sandra L McKenzie
Signature of Debtor

Comenity Bank/Carsons
Po Box 182125
Columbus, OH 43218

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Po Box 182125
Columbus, OH 43218

DeKalb County Collector
110 E. Sycamore St.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Fifth Third Bank
Fifth Third Bank Bankruptcy Dept.
1830 E Paris Ave Se
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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Attn: Bankruptcy
1850 East Paris Ave, Se
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Qualstar Credit Union
Po Box 96730
Bellevue, WA 98009

Synchrony Bank/Sams Club
Po Box 965064
Orlando, FL 32896

Teresa Walsh Randall
25484 Lake Wohlford Rd. #154
Escondido, CA 92027

Visa Dept Store National Bank
Attn: Bankruptcy
Po Box 8053
Mason, OH 45040